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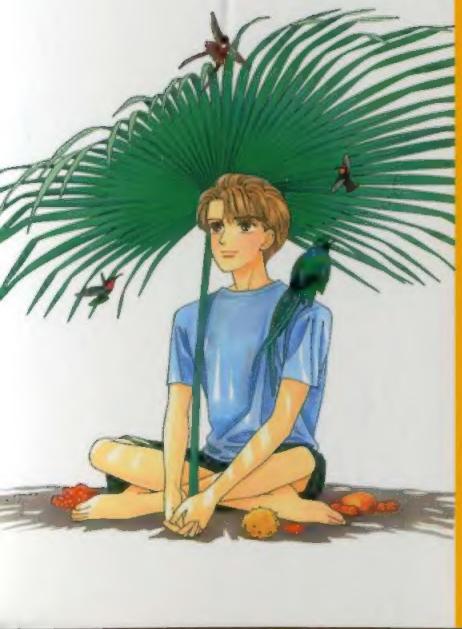
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作品かいせつ

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El nino エルニーニョ : 5

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FINAL SCENE

El nino~エルニーニョ~

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It is food!

Ding  
dong

Dou-  
moto's  
egg  
rolls!

Dou-  
moto's  
egg  
rolls!

Oh!  
Doumoto's  
egg rolls!

Are you  
only  
looking  
at my egg  
rolls?

You  
guys  
...

USA?!

I can go to  
university  
in the USA.

Father  
said.

You  
can  
eat  
any-  
thing.

Did you  
show the  
magazine?

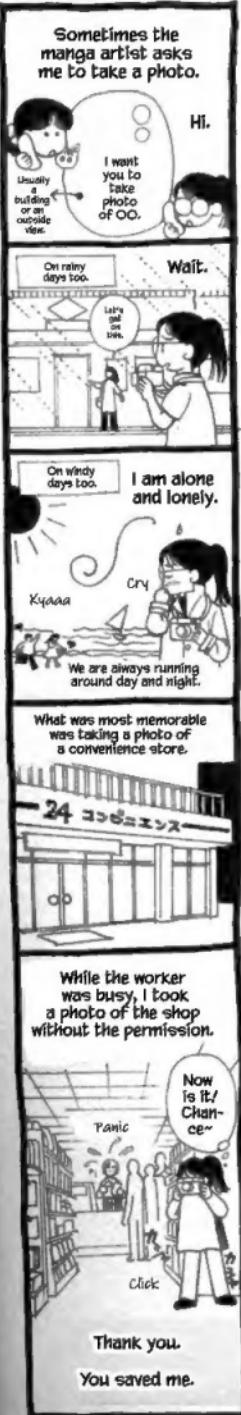
Yeah,  
I  
showed  
it.

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Assistant's work (Research)



I know that.

But I  
am  
living  
here?

Karaoke?  
Okay,  
I want to  
go.

Cheese.

Sleep-  
ing.

He  
doesn't care  
about the  
place or time.

Doumoto  
always  
talks  
confi-  
dently.

Yeah,  
let's  
eat it.

Let's  
eat  
ramen.

Bastard-  
He is  
giving an  
evasive  
answer.

MEOW



Why is it on  
a place  
like that?

Meow

Ah...

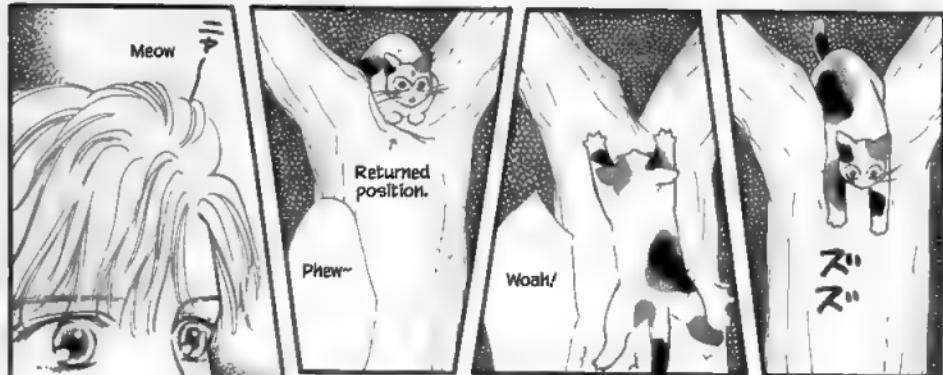
From  
above  
?

The  
cat is  
crying.

The  
cat is  
sometimes  
like that.

She  
climbs up  
all the way  
there and  
can't get  
down.

She can't  
get down?





I didn't know  
Doumoto  
would say that.

Sfx:  
Jump

Ah!

What  
are  
you  
saying?

It's  
dangerous,  
so come  
down  
now.

Huh?

Sfx: Thump

Thump

I am  
near  
her  
now.

Then  
drag  
her  
down  
now.





Put on  
おで

Sfx: Haha

You  
got  
kicked  
by the  
cat.

She jumped  
down  
with her  
power  
at the end.

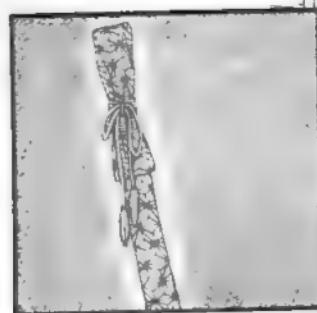
That is  
horrible-

She doesn't  
know  
gratitude.

Haha





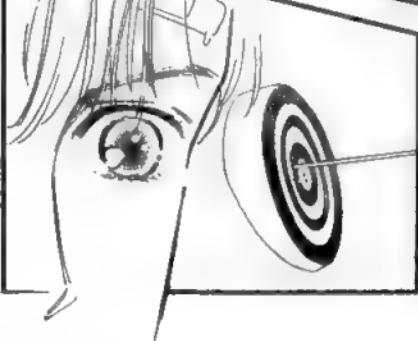
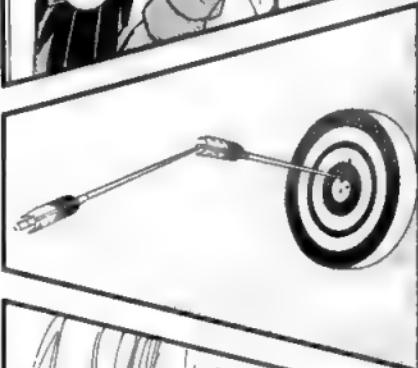






His  
breath is  
white  
though.

Simon  
is very  
serious  
too.



Thall is so amazing.

That is amazing.

Ah~ I want to become like that now.

Huh?





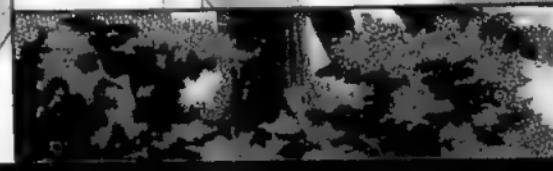
And  
Doutomo  
and friends  
are

And my family  
is behind me.



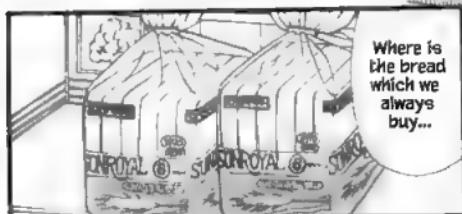
It always  
pushes  
me a lot.

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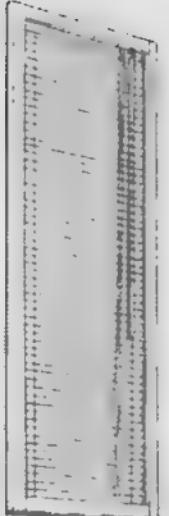
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Do the same thing with the kid that you like.

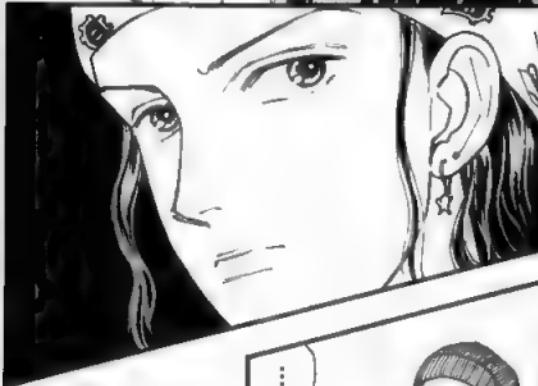








Magazine: Basketball









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Sfx: Haha

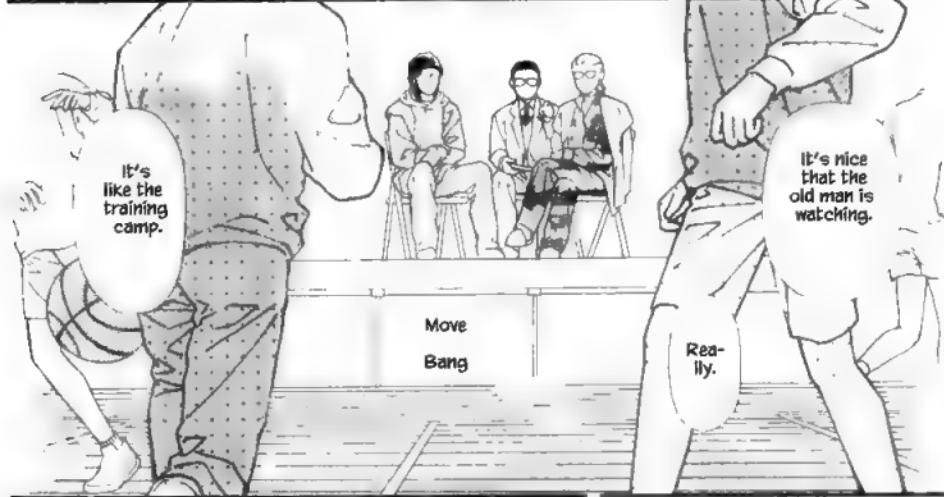
















Cool delinquent old man Takahori.

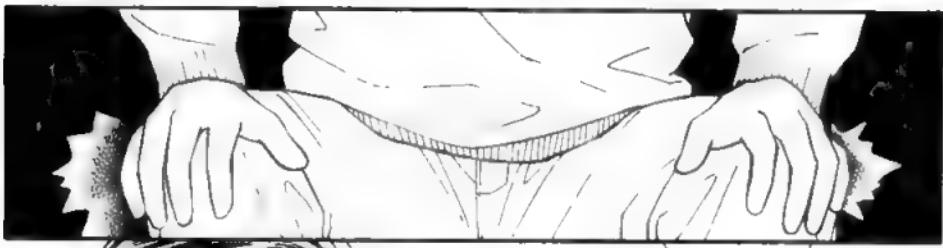
(The man in this household usually has the name of Taka or Shu. Simon is adopted so he doesn't have a name like that, but other cousins are like that). It is fun to think of the clothes of the old man, but a hard thing is the eyes.



Killer Loop sunglasses!

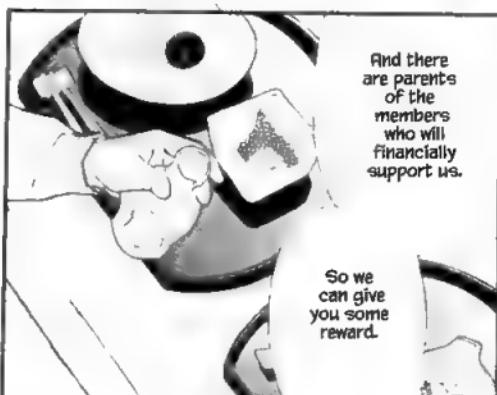
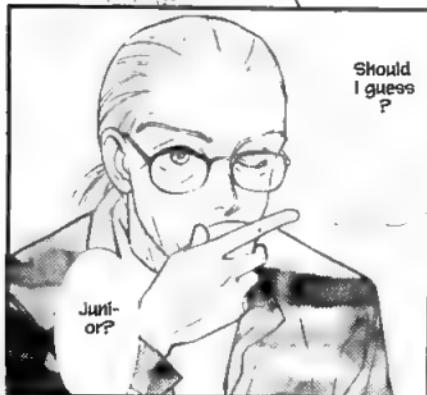
If I am going to use this, I should use Killer Loop sunglasses who for the first time in the world, made a sunglasses for the old people's sight.





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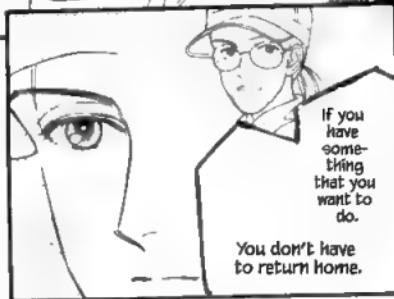


Smile



So.









Yes.

I feel relieved when he  
is with grandfather.





What  
do you  
mean?

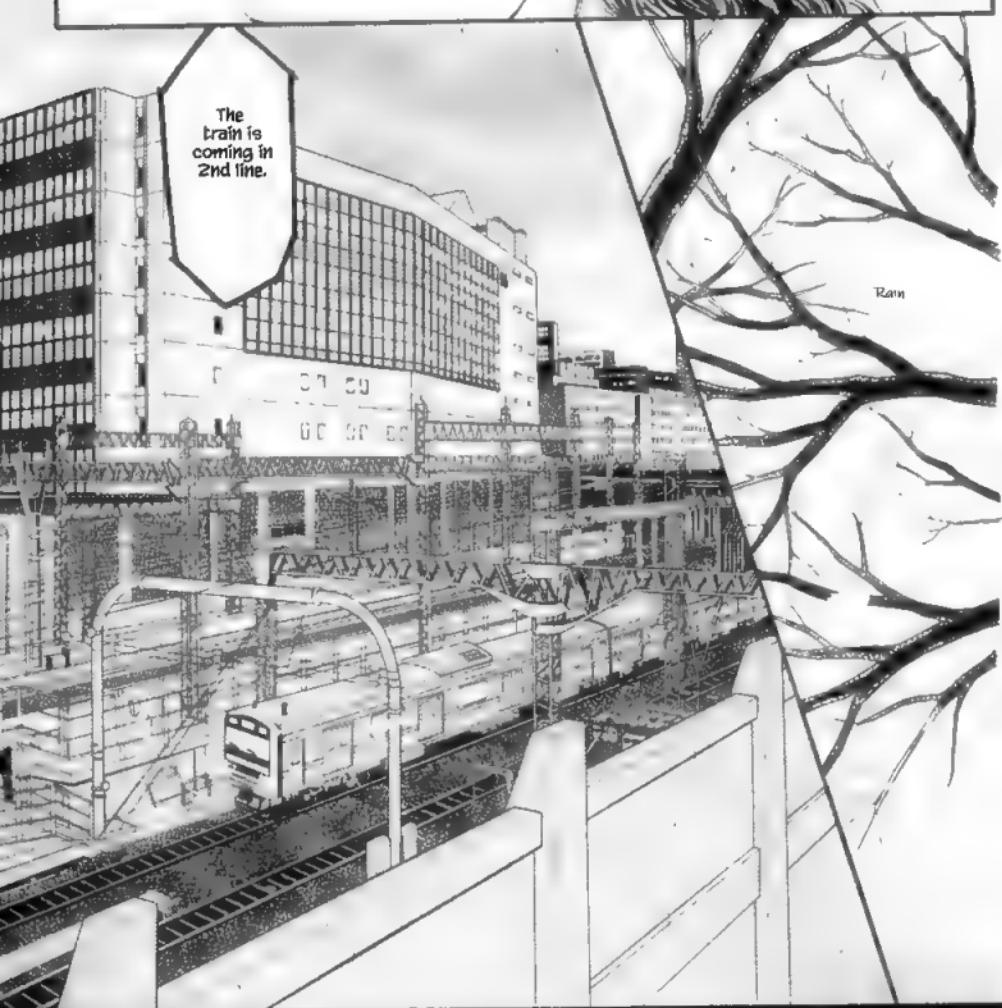
He smelled  
like Chinese  
street or the  
Indian shop.

Suddenly

Is it  
incense  
...

The  
train is  
coming in  
2nd line.

Rain





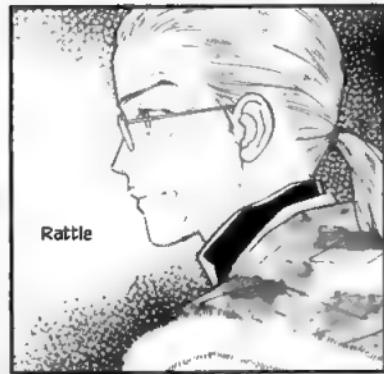
A group who gives the feeling of pressures to people.

Sfx: Crowded



Sfx: Haka

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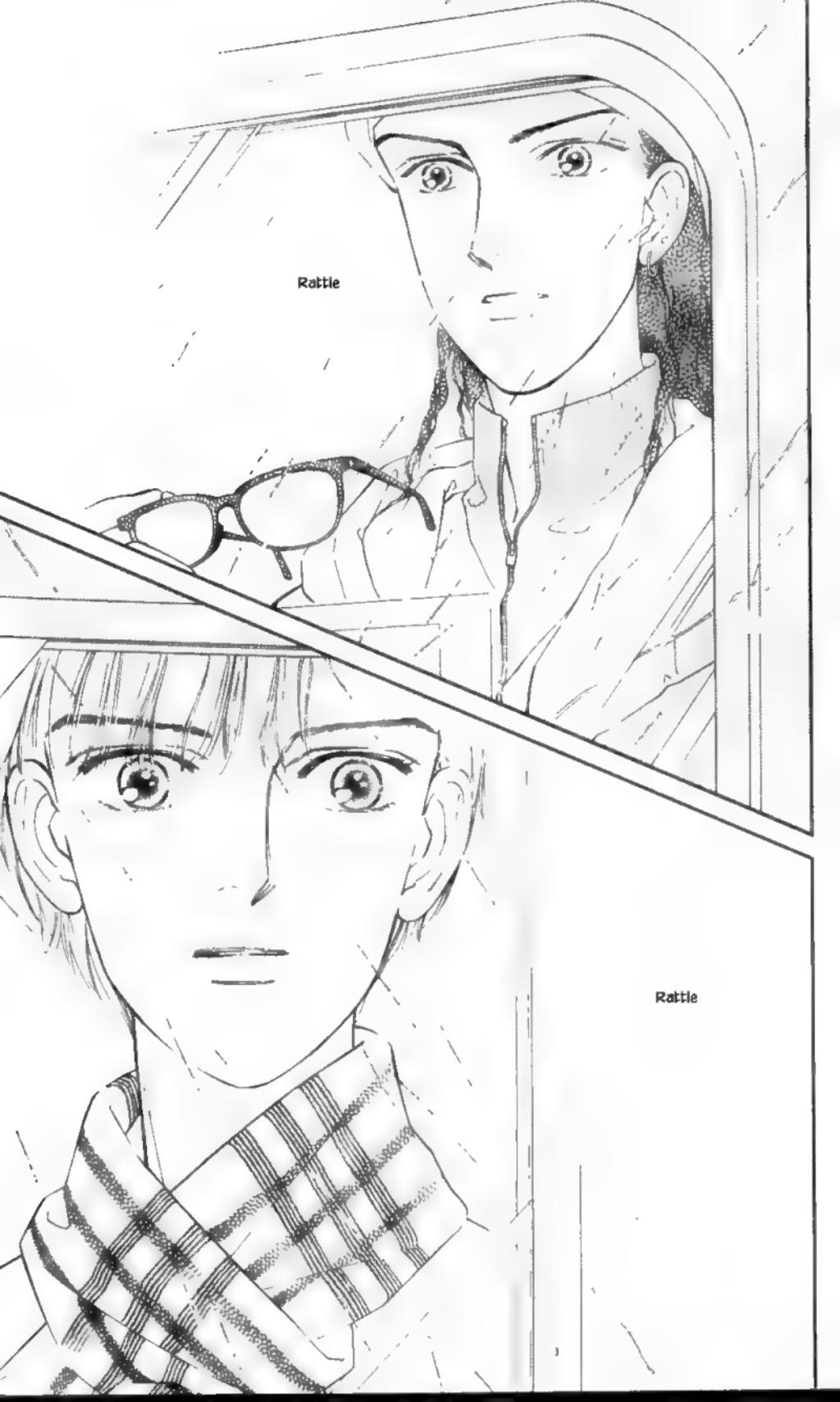
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Rattle

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'You  
can  
meet'.

One day the  
god thinks  
that...



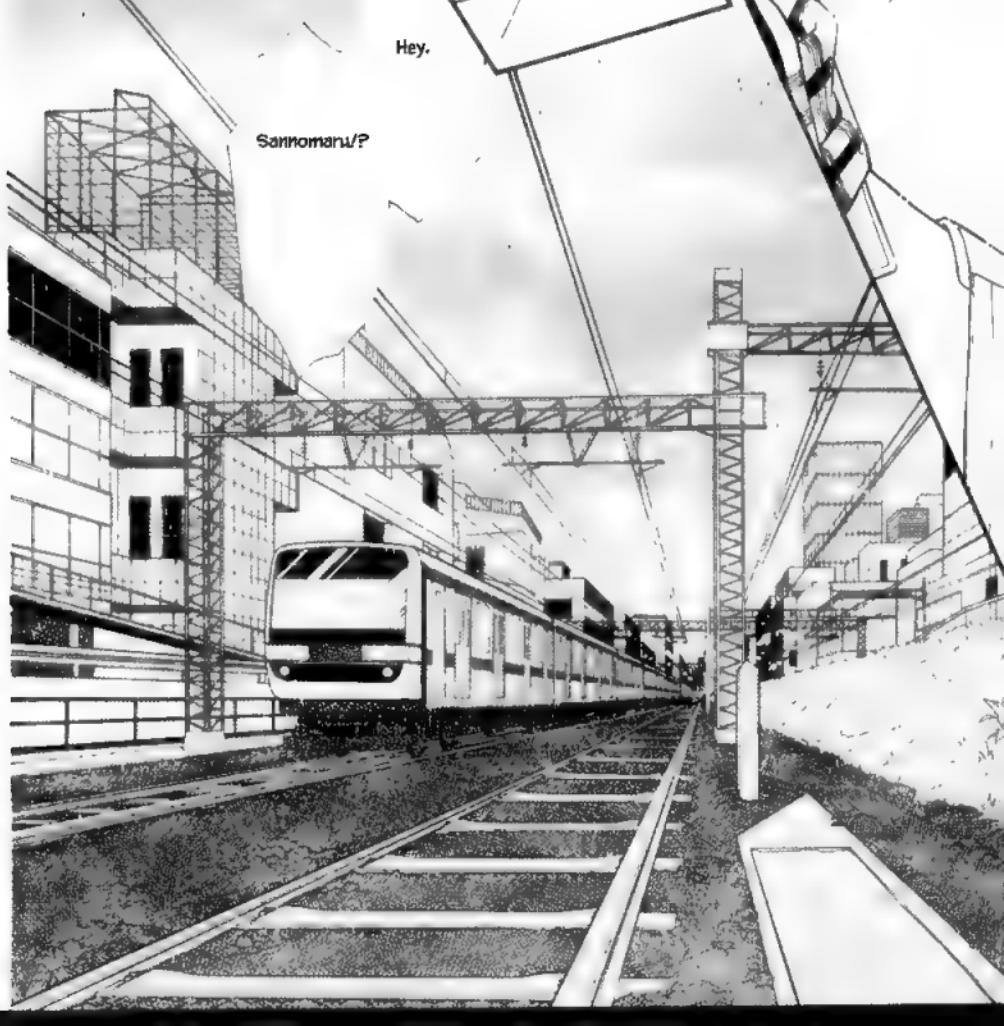




Sanno-  
maru?!



Hey.



Sannomanu?!



Roasted sweet potato.

But now it's  
winter and I am  
selling different  
things.

大いも  
おいも

Roasted sweet  
potato.

I was  
going  
to  
start,

selling  
the  
bam-  
boo  
pole.



Yummy roasted  
sweet potato.

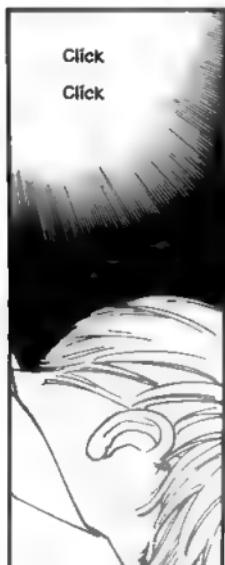




Shocked













Fabian.

Alive  
...!

He  
was  
...

Sfx: Beep

This manga has a high average age for characters, but also it has a high average height for characters too. They are basketball club members. (Actually, there are even 2 m tall players in the world)



He doesn't play basketball, but Simon is tall too. Is it because he has the blood of Romori citizens? (Romori has the tallest people from all over the country. And they have the shortest life span...) Michael has a similar height with Simon, but he is 16 years old, so he could grow taller?

I can't forgive you.



That... that makes no sense...

Maybe if Michael don't become taller than Simon, the world will be peaceful.

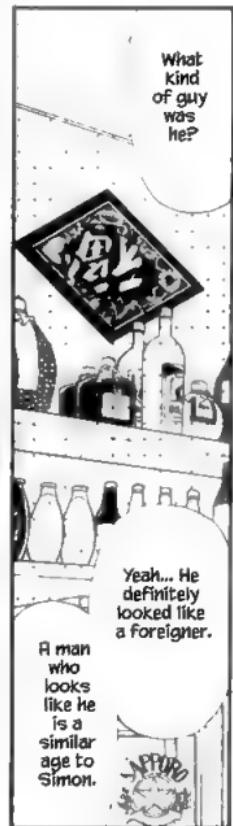
He got off at the next stop, so everybody was surprised.

No explanation.

Did he not explain anything? Sannomaru.

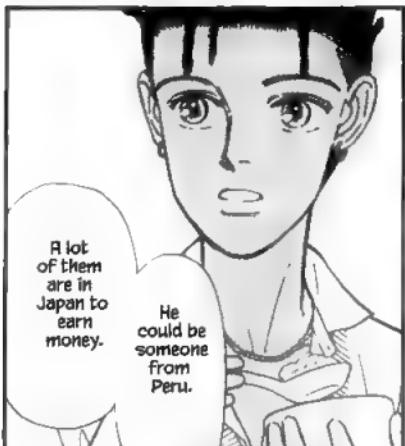
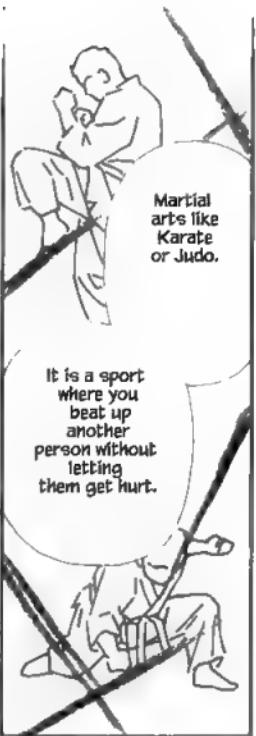
But who is the man on the train across from him?





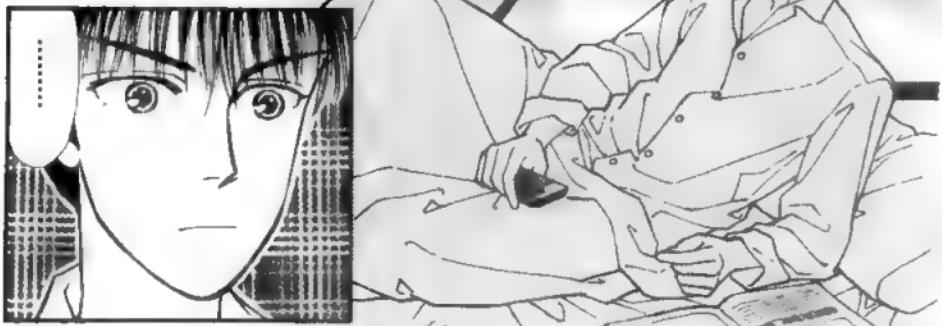
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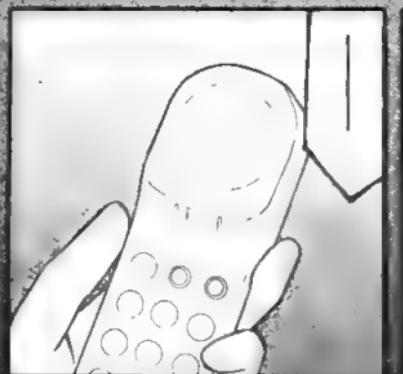
You might not know the honest version of me.



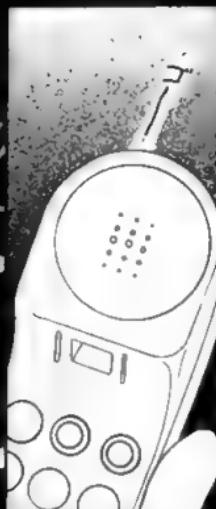
Maybe I don't  
know anything,  
about  
Sanomaru.

I thought that I knew  
him in many ways...





Sfx: Woosh



RW

\*Uminari: It means that the sea is making a sound before the storm.

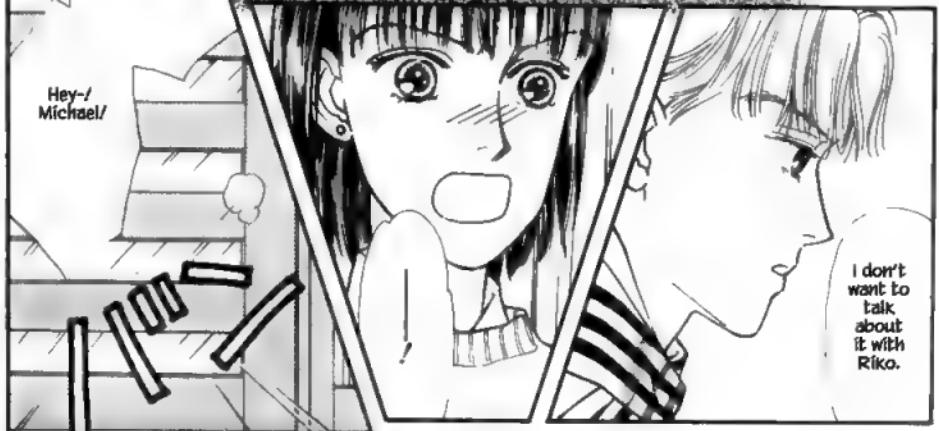




What does that mean?

Hey-/ Michael/

I don't want to talk about it with Riko.











7 Junior is feeling responsible for telling him to do it in front of other people.













Six: Push







Sannomaru/





We should be careful.

It felt dangerous ...

It doesn't feel like we should make him angry...



Yes?

I think he is the man I met.

That man who Doumoto saw at the subway ...



Yes.

He came all the way to Romori ?



He was looking for Sannomaru.

He came to the shrine. After you guys left.

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At the subway-

Just now.

Something bad could have happened  
...

Aah...  
Simon.

I am  
sorry.

Beep





He can't  
guess any  
other people  
...

I think  
the  
criminal  
is that  
man at  
the  
subway.



You know  
him.  
Talk to  
me.



Who  
pushed  
you and  
made you  
fall down?



Sanno-  
manu.

H  
力  
Step







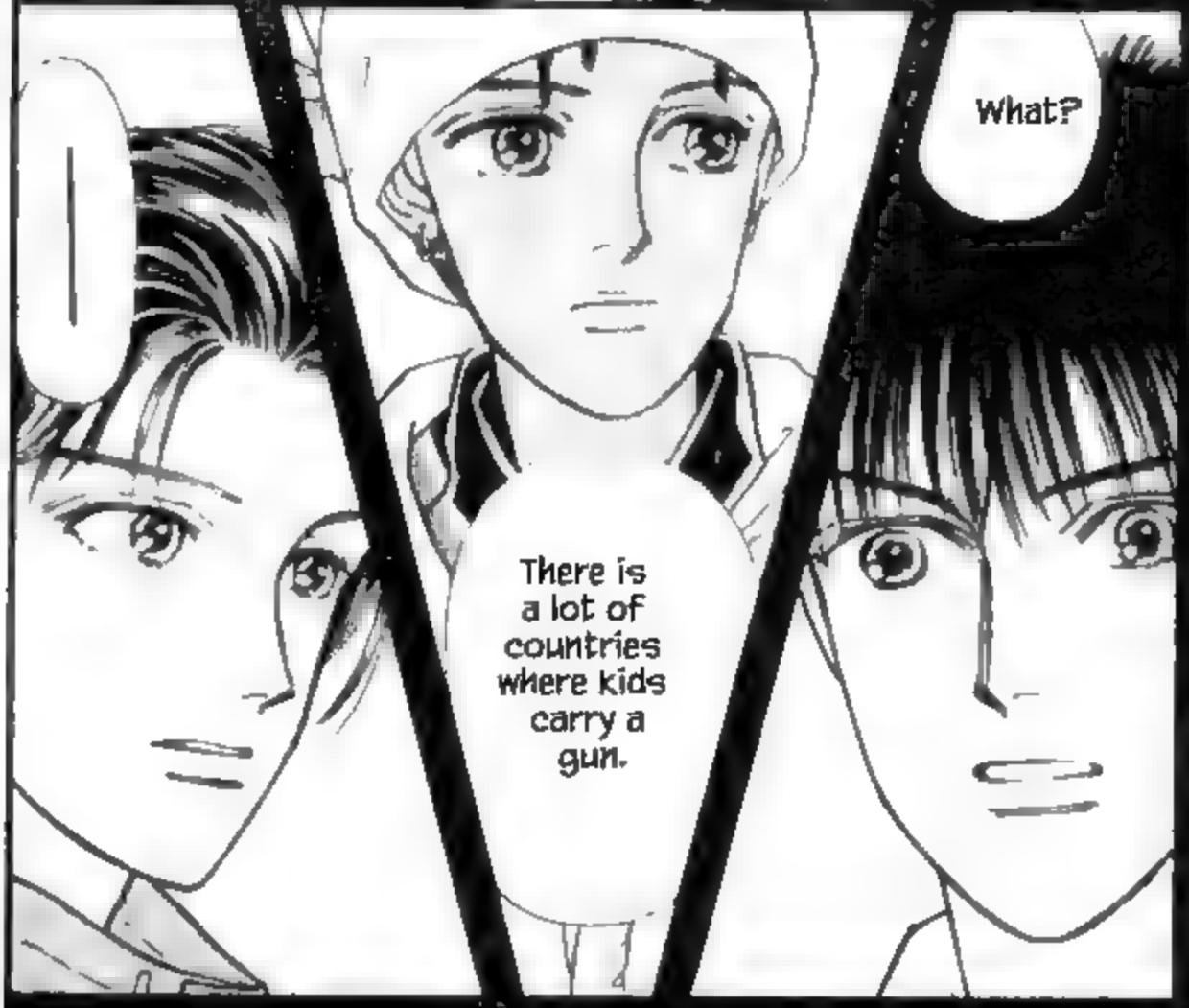
















Did you go to kill him?

But I can guess.

He was talking about the arrest then.

When I found him across the road.

Yeah ... No.

I wanted to question him.

He turned back this way and-

The kid of the neighborhood had a gun...

But he had a gun, so I borrowed a gun from one of the kids of the neighborhood.





If I was there, I would have stopped you.

You are really no good.



In that place, another kid was an enemy of the group...



Stop-ped me?



Of course.

You should have met me 6 years earlier.



It became chaotic.



People started shooting guns.



So.

Did more useless trouble get started?









Yes  
...!

It's not  
thank  
god  
at all.

Thank  
you  
For all  
this.

No, it is  
good.

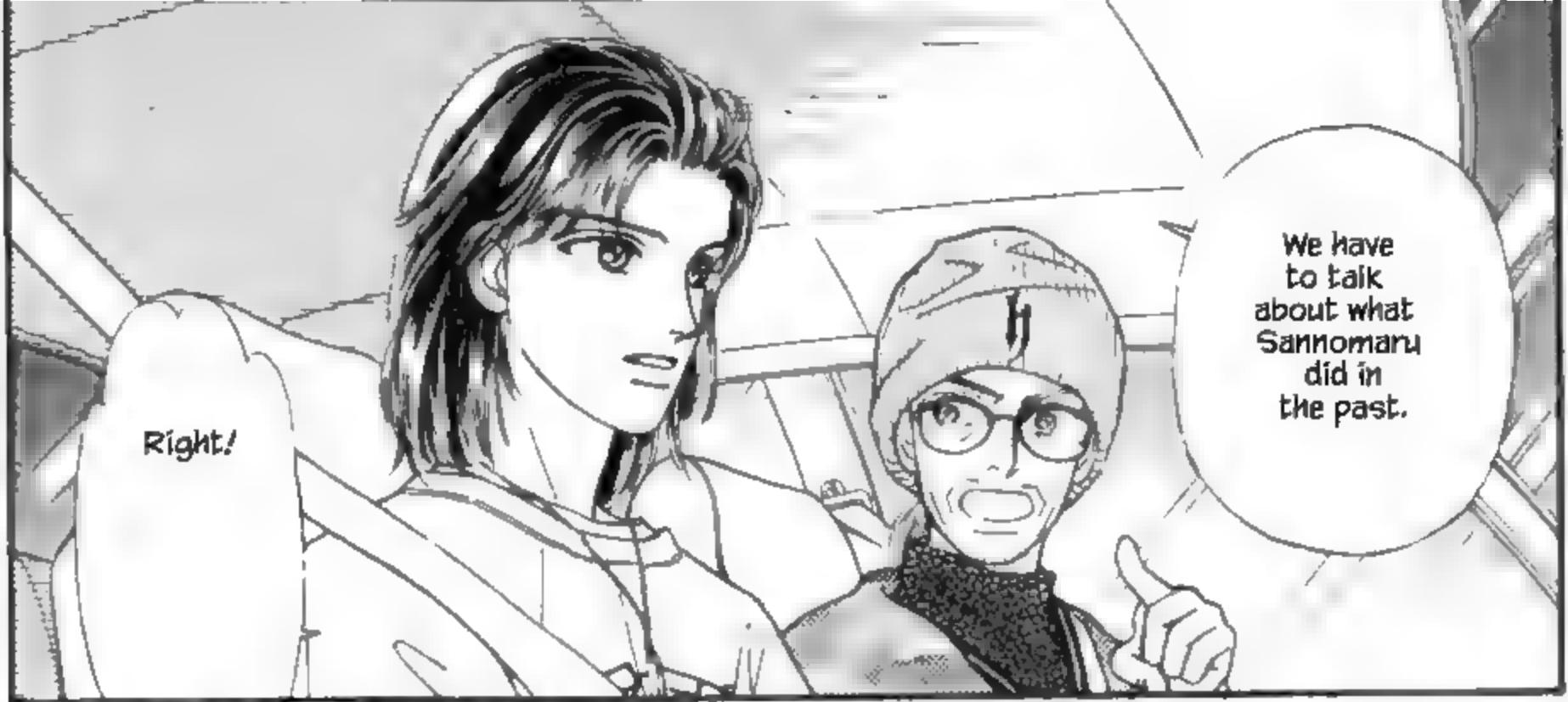
But it's  
dangerous.

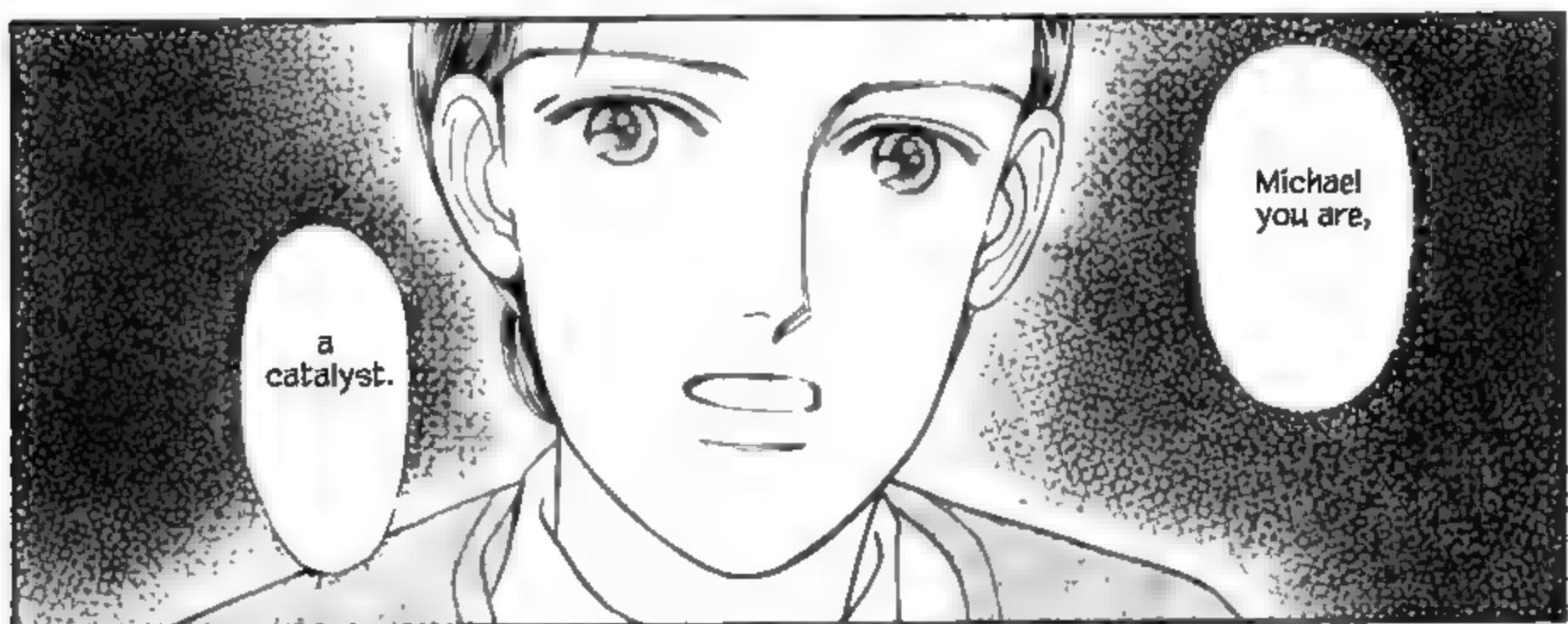
Then  
good-  
bye.

He will  
try to  
attack  
him again.

More  
than  
anything.

Even if  
we know,  
we can't  
tell the  
police.





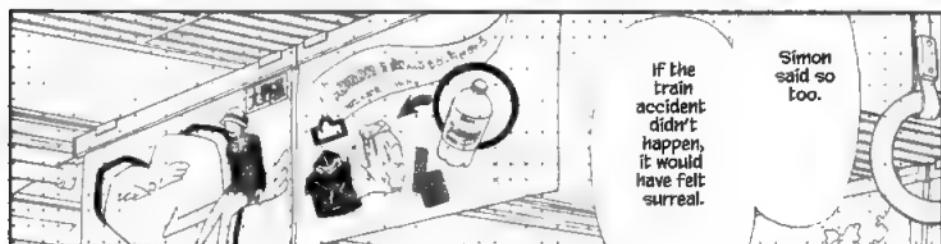






To that day-

Rattle



Simon said so too.

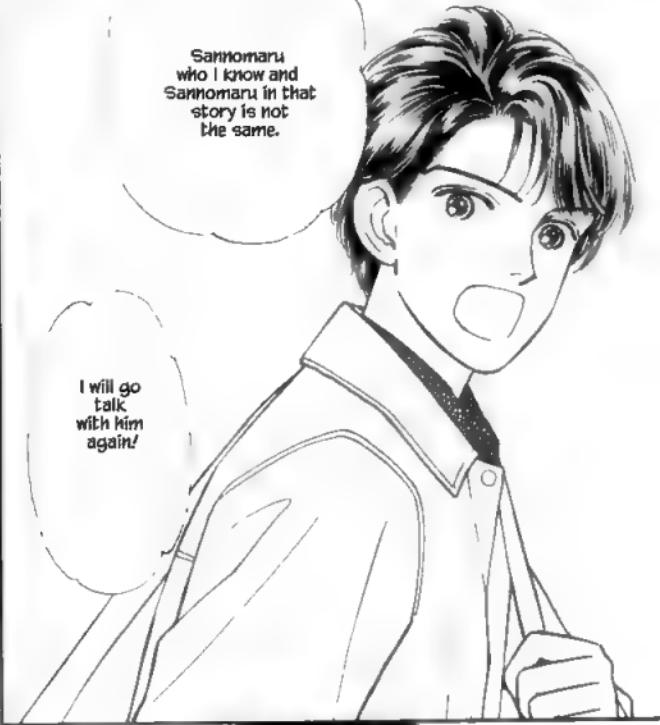
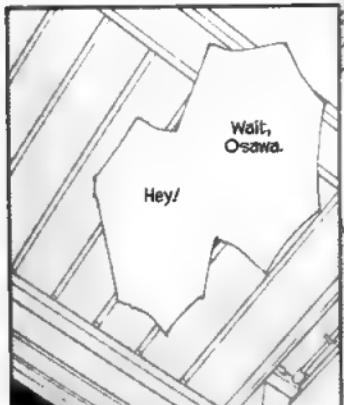
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Aah-!

I am interested in  
Osawa,  
so I want  
to read it.

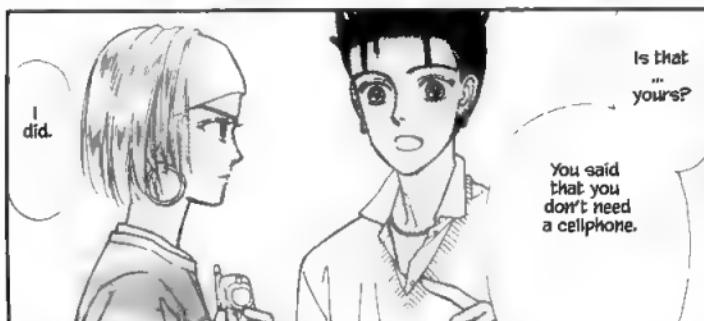




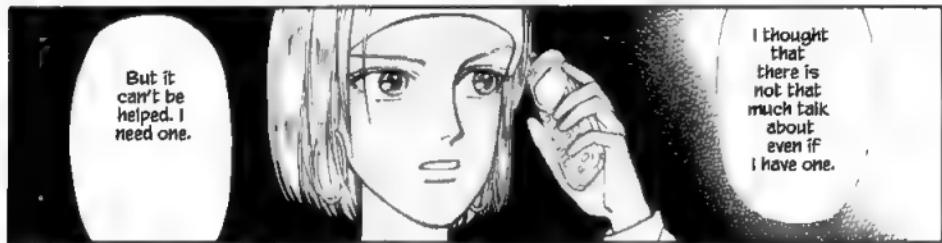




Sfx: Drop



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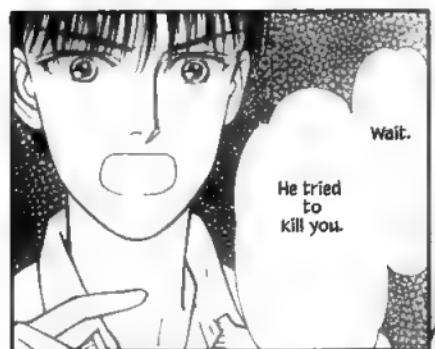




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I am happy to be able to talk to Sannomaru.



Don't cut the off.



Osawa is actually a breeder of beetles.



Now, this is 350 yen, this one is 500 yen.  
He is selling them to neighbourhood kids at a fair price.



He takes care of them after they buy the beetle too.  
Do you know how to feed it? Did it lay eggs?

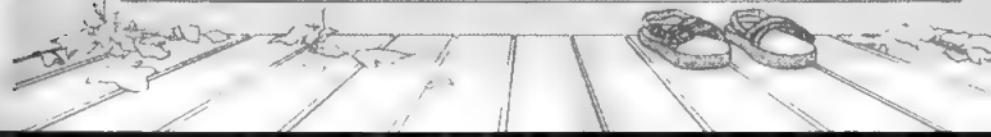
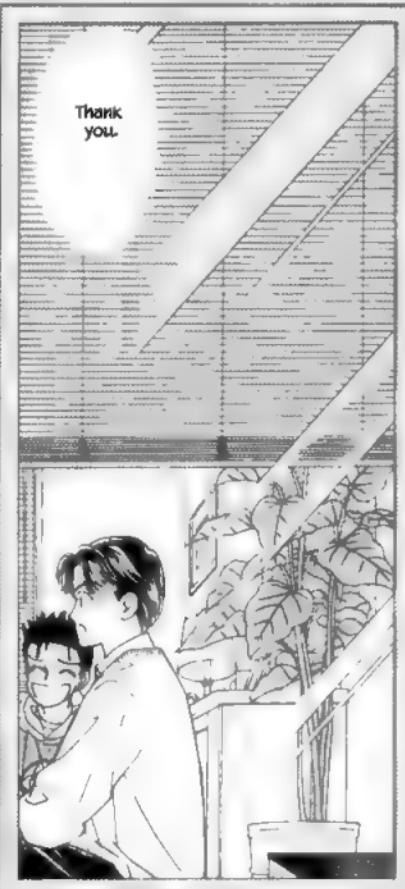


Room tree mat is better. Do you want me to raise it? Sometimes he over-reacts.

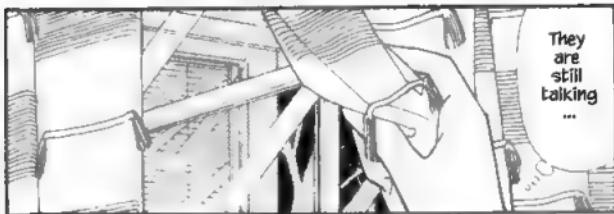








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So the train was stopped for some time.

Today afternoon, a boy fell on the subway train railway.

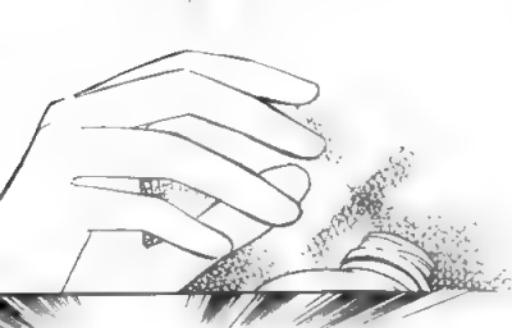
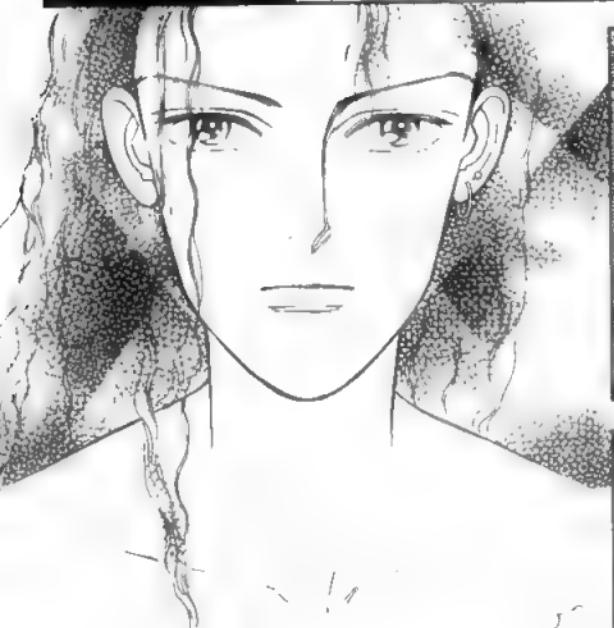
Thankfully the boy was safe.



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Sfx: Crack



He will try to  
attack you again.









Hey.

Sanno-  
maru.

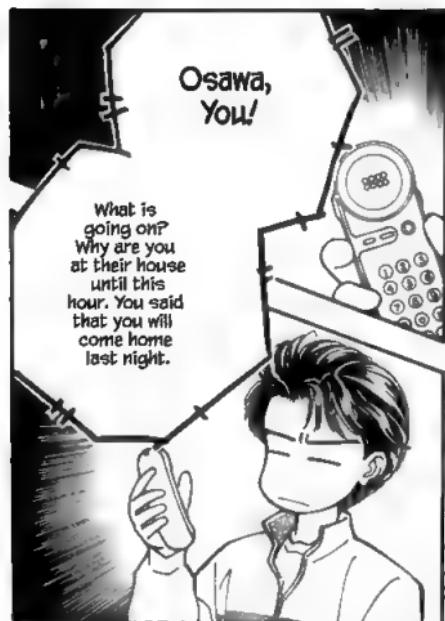
Mm

Wake  
up

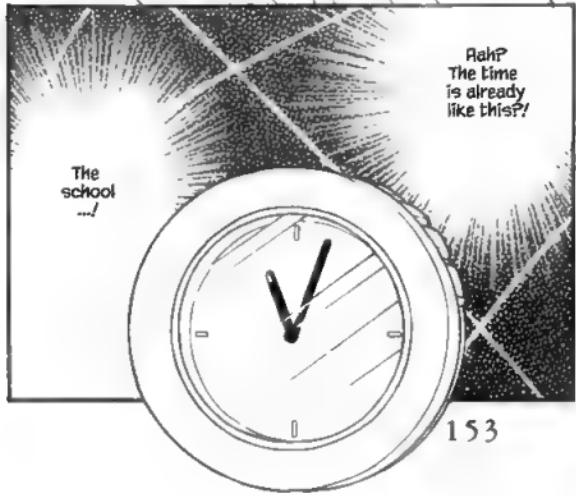


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I added an  
assistant's diary  
this time.  
How was it?  
(The person who  
drew is our  
assistant R.  
Thank you!)  
So, this story  
is near the  
end and on the  
next volume, you  
can see the  
start of the final scene.  
I wanted to  
change Simon's  
part-time job and make  
him pull a cart,  
but I guess  
it might not  
be possible?  
Anyway, I am drawing this,  
so it won't be a  
dark ending.  
Then see you in the next  
volume. I will  
cheerfully draw it!



Sfx: Grab





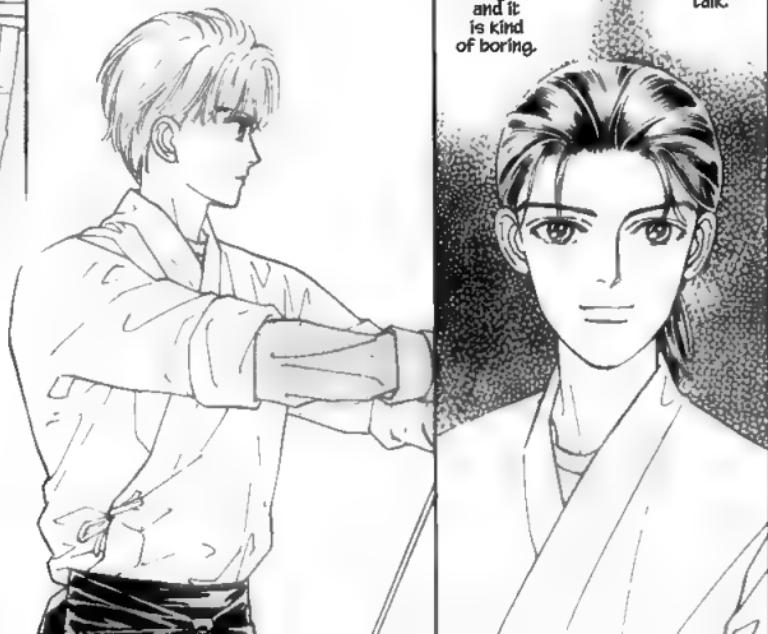


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When you see someone standing up, I heard that you can feel his skill level.

It might be true.

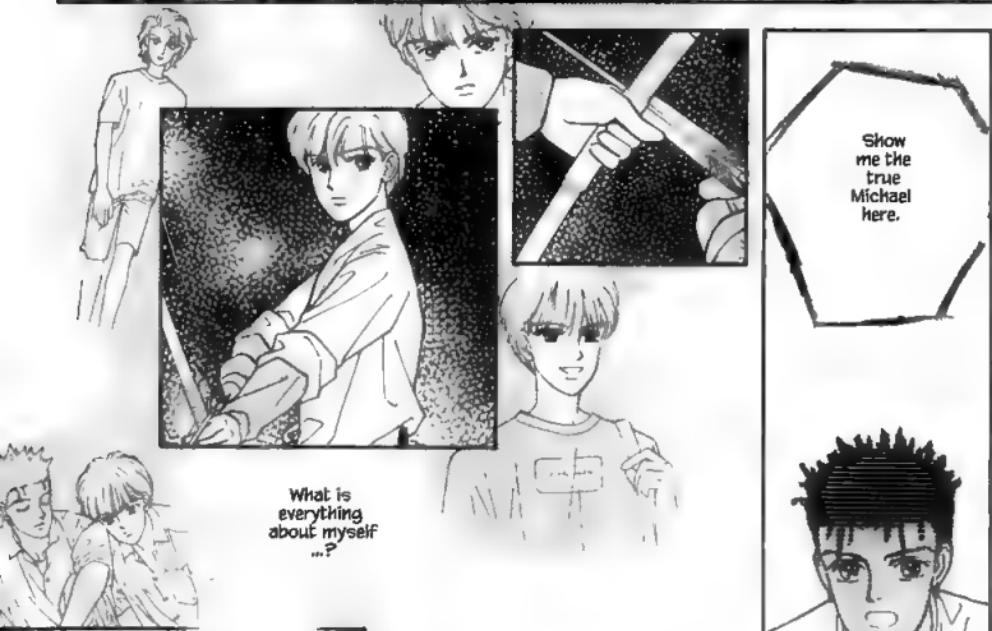
Why are you zoning out at me?



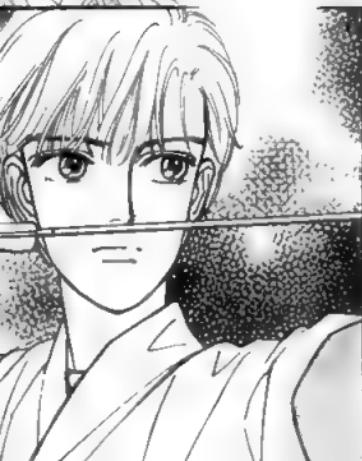


I feel like  
I forgot  
something  
important-

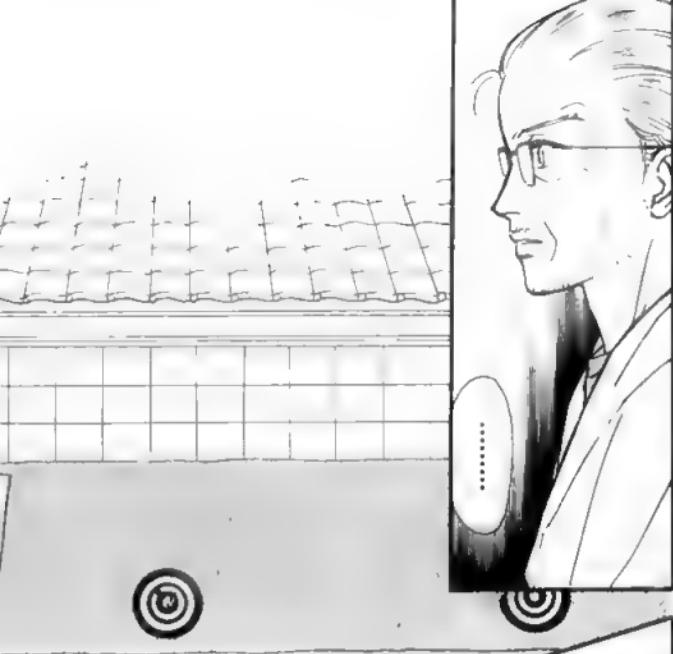
I feel like  
I haven't  
talked  
about  
everything.

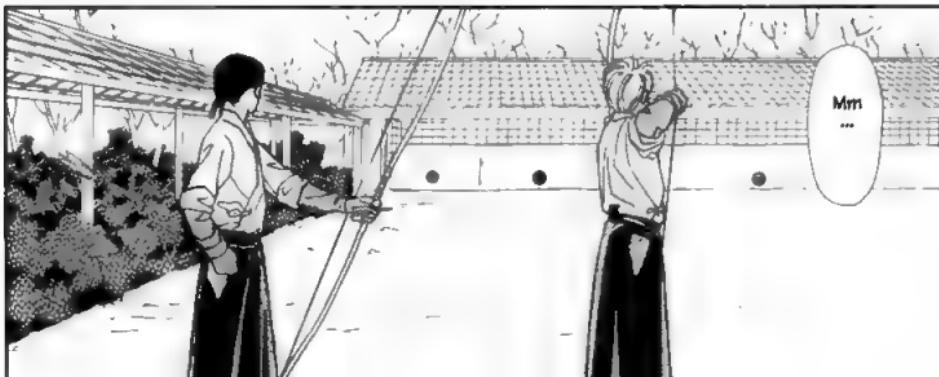
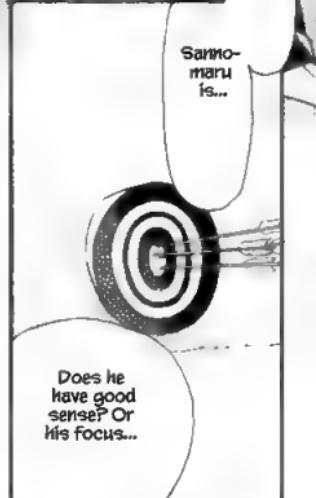
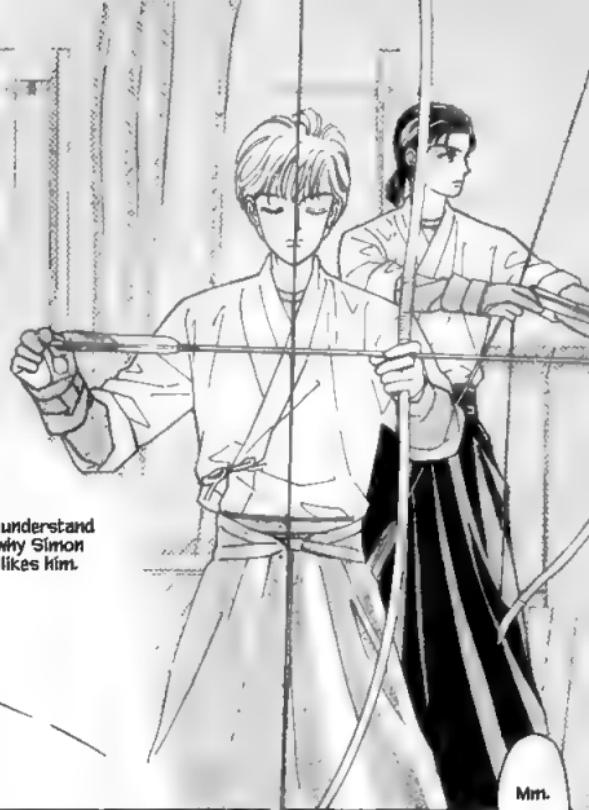


What is  
everything  
about myself  
...?





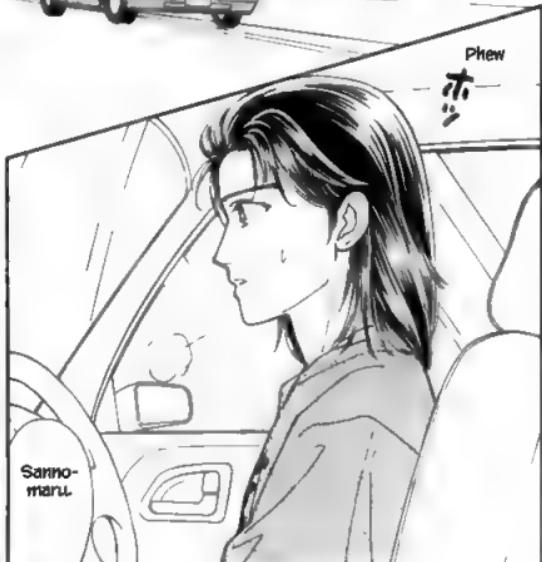








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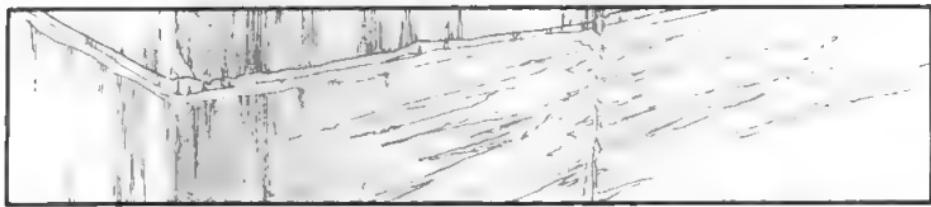






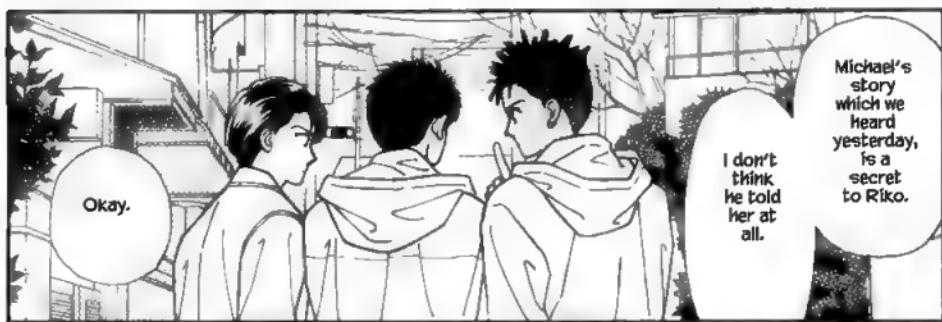
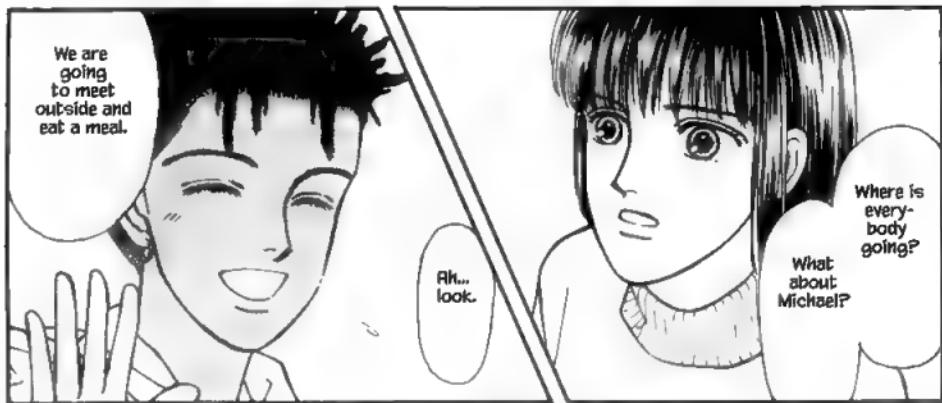
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U.S.A REPORT BY MINAKO NARITA

# No.1 Boys'n America



NBA, it's fun to watch it at home!



When you have a favorite team and player, let's go see it at their home ground! There is a tour company that gives you a customized tour for the team that you like, so if you go by that tour company, it's very comfortable. When you have a tour, you can meet friends who cheer for the same team. If you like the same team, you become friends quickly.

In my case, it's Phoenix of Arizona state, where beloved team SUNS is.



Phoenix is in a state of Arizona and my cousin coincidentally goes to Arizona university. It is hot because it's the middle of the desert and the weather is dry. It is a famous spot for a winter vacation for rich people. The town is very safe and people are very cheerful. And all the town loves the basketball team. You can feel that the team that you love is loved by the townspeople. That is my hometown. There is nothing which can make me happier (I am joyful!-).

You know this place even when I don't tell you.



Majerle's sports grill. The restaurant which Dan Majerle of NBA runs.

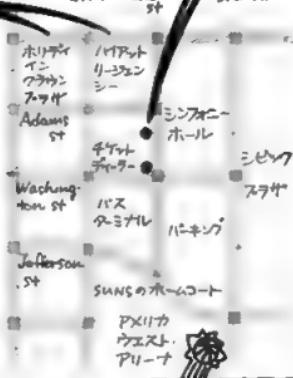


The arena looks like this, so when you get a hotel nearby, you can walk there.

But stop and buses have a photo of the players on it, and a normal car plate even looks like this. That is good.



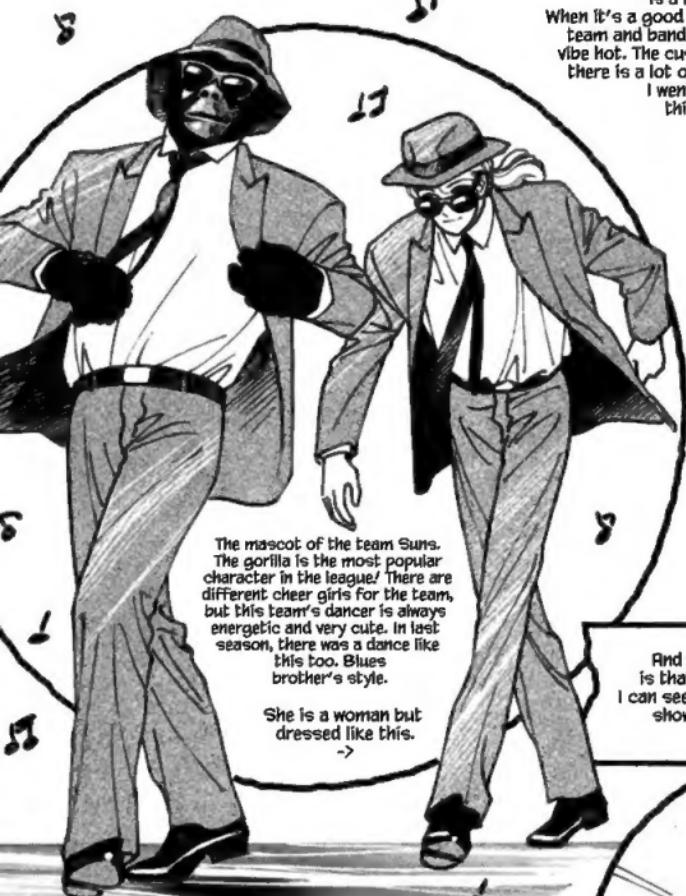
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It is always very busy, but there is a lot of space, so no worries. (Sometimes they ask you for identification so bring your passport).

This place is yummy and when you go there for three days, you can meet some players. A restaurant that makes you shoot two birds with one stone! Until now I met Caballeros, West, Johnson, Green. And Majerle. I saw him many times (Recently my grateful heart vanished).

Some people even met Charles. Some dancers and bodyguards use this restaurant to have a meeting too. The cheap menu is fun!



The mascot of the team SUNS. The gorilla is the most popular character in the league! There are different cheer girls for the team, but this team's dancer is always energetic and very cute. In last season, there was a dance like this too. Blues brother's style.

She is a woman but dressed like this.  
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I found a kid who is cool and highly motivated.



He shaved his hair and left this mark on his head.

He has the same hairstyle as his favorite player KJ and the player's uniform number is on his head! I like KJ too, but I lose to you...

And what makes me most happy is that I can see the energetic play. I can see everything which the tv doesn't show! I can feel it more near me.

Charles raised up KJ and ran while holding hands!

SFX: Run

Even when they are playing a game, the players do a lot of funny stuff. When I saw it personally I thought, 'What? They are friendly' and I felt relieved. When I watch them, they are really professional players, but they look like boy students of the basketball club. Some boys like basketball very much and some fans are proud of them. That is home court. At home, the players fight without getting nervous and the staff of the team and fans cheer them on to make them win! They are full of energy. If you have a favorite player, you must watch them at home court! When you go and see, you will be proud of the teams like those townspeople.

KJ is trying to look like a bodybuilder and made his trainer laugh.

He is a lot of fun.



That is embarrassing. They are both grown men.



It will be faster if they don't hold hands.

Next month is the SUNS opening game report! I will tell you more about the players!

SUNS' Homecourt, America West Marina is a new building and very clean. When it's a good fight, there is a pierrot and face paint team and band on the entrance, and they make the vibe hot. The customers come here happily and inside there is a lot of neon light, so it is like Disney land. I went to other arenas too, but this Arena is the most fun.

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Finally all season has opened but...

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KJ and Charles who ran out of the court by running as hard as they can. They are a weird team...

Yay!

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From Clippers' match which was the last match of the last season.

After the Kings' fight.

Charles got angry.



From this November, NBA season 94 - 95 has started. From now and until April, there will be tournaments. Of course, I wanted to see the SUNS match, so I came to see the first match with them. To Sacramento of California state! Ah, you just thought 'Where is that?'. It is here, here! So they are fighting with the team called Kings. (If this didn't happen, I might have never gone there...) This is the birthplace of Kevin Johnson (K.J.) so he is an enemy player, but he was welcomed with applause. But our team (I mean SUNS) we are friendly, but we don't unite when we fight.

They win with amazing power when there is cooperation, but when they don't cooperate, they lose amazingly... (It could be good or bad. They do whatever they want). This day became a match like that too.

During the Free season, KJ and AC seemed to get hurt. And one other player was sick. Charles was sick and couldn't play (He had muscle pain and body lotion got into his eyes and it was infected. Sigh...) And another player got hurt during the fight, and the rule changed a little from this season, so they lost a lot of foul in the first half, so they lost spectacularly. King's fan felt so much joy. The opening game is a festival!



The Sacramento King's symbol changed from this season. Isn't that cool? It's the best thing to use on a trouser.

## Sacramento Kings



They were called a doormat team (A weak team who are crushed by other teams) until now, but they don't seem like it now. The hero of this month has been Bobby Harry. He came back after getting involved in a car accident last year, and scored 11 points and 5 assists in 23 minutes. That is great!

Let's put on safety belt.



Find again Phoenix.

After finishing the Kings match on the 4th of November, the next SUNS match is on the 6th. Hit match on home court at Phoenix. The players move like this and have a match in this way. That must be hard! This match was the opening game in their home court. Luckily, I could see them right behind the SUNS player's bench. I was surprised to see them nearby.

KJ has a band around his back.

He must have been wounded seriously, he kept getting a steam massage after he came back to the bench. I tried to pray for his health without realizing it, but it didn't seem to reach him. (After that he was on the wounded player list). But they were behind 14 points, and they turned it around in the 3rd quarter, SUNS won for 119 against 107. When they won, KJ said 'I don't like what Charles said (Right bottom picture), so I felt nervous.

For a while, but Charlie's daughter Christina loves KJ very much, so they are friendly. This could be why children can be a connection between people.



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Miami heat is the team of Miami as its name shows. (You know Miami? It's in Florida state) It was created in 88, but they never won against SUNS. They lost again. On the next day of this game, two players suddenly got traded into another team called Atlanta Hawks!

Like this, until next year 23rd of February, the players keep moving around. What about their score then? This year had a match at the home court, so it was fun! Asahi also has a match once every month, so you could check there too.



Some players overcome their injury or sickness, and I get a lot cheered up when I see this. I love the NBA of the USA because of this.

Michael Jordan even came today to see the match. (I didn't know!)



There is a lot of talks about injury, but in the USA's arena, there are always places where wheelchairs can get in. The USA west arena has 2 floors. I thought that what if someone wants to sit more closely and not sit on the 2nd floor? But before the match and during half time, they went to the backcourt which only staff can enter and they were taking photos with the players. KJ was very kind.

